Lwalu language

Lwalu, also known as **Lwalwa**, is a Bantu language of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Its classification is uncertain: Nurse (2003), following Ahmed (1995), assigns all of Guthrie's L.20 languages to Luban, including Lwalu.

Maho (2009) lists L.22 Mbagani (which has no ISO code) as closely related. Mbagani is also called Binji, and has been confused in the literature with the Binji language. *Ethnologue* labels the area Maho assigns to Mbagani as Songe.

Lwalu	
Lwalwa	
Native to	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Region	Kasai-Occidental province
Native speakers	(21,000 cited 1971)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu ▪ Luban? ▪ (?) ▪ **Lwalu**
Dialects	Mbagani Lwalwa
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`lwa`
Glottolog	`lwal1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/lwal1238)`[2]
Guthrie code	`L.221`[3]

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